

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2009, and the references cited by the Examiner have been carefully reviewed by Applicant. Claims 3-28 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 are canceled. Claims 13-28 have been withdrawn. Claims 3-5 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found in now canceled claims 1 and 2, as the amendments to claim 5 incorporate the features of claims 1 and 2.

Rejection of Claims

In the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,572,695 (Andrews). This rejection is respectfully traversed on the basis that Andrews does not disclose all of the features of claims 1-4. However, for purposes of advancing prosecution for this particular application only, Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate the features of claim 5, which the Final Office Action indicates is allowable. Applicants reserve the right to pursue original claims 1-4, as well as the withdrawn claims, in one or more continuing applications.

Withdrawn Claims

Claims 13-28 were withdrawn in response to a prior restriction requirement. Applicants authorize the Examiner to cancel these claims in an Examiner's amendment in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 6-12 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication, but respectfully submit that the remaining claims are also allowable over the cited art of record.

The Examiner objected to claim 5, but indicated that claim 5 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 5 to be in independent form. Thus, this objection should be overcome.


CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the application, in its present form, is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288. Applicant intends this communication to be a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2009.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fee associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

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